

June 20, 2020

The Honorable Judge Allison D Burroughs

United States District Judge

United States District court of Massachusetts

Moakley Federal Courthouse

Boston, Ma 02210

RE: Diovanni M.Carter

Dear Judge Burroughs:

My name is Nancy Carter. I am Diovanni's paternal grandmother and I live in Brockton, Massachusetts

I am employed as a Case Manager for Priority Professional Care, an Adult Foster Care Agency in Boston.

Diovanni is my first grandson and I have been a part of his life since he was two weeks old to this present day. Diovanni respects me as a mother and his grandmother. I have always provided guidance, emotional support, and financial assistance throughout his entire life.

When Diovanni was a child I took him to church on Sundays and the involvement in church has sustained his belief in God even as an adult.

Dioivanni is a reliable person. When he was employed he prepared himself to be to work on time by preparing the night before. For several years he worked for Express Services, a temporary agency.

Dioivanni is a courteous person. He shows appreciation and is grateful for whatever one does for him.

He is a calm person and he enjoys a quiet peaceful environment.

Dioivanni has the potential of uplifting of uplifting himself and becoming a role model for his children

Dioivanni's childhood relationship with his parents was not a positive one.

His self esteem and mental capacity remain intact in spite of those negative relationships.

Dioivanni has been unsuccessful in building a positive relationship with his parents.

Emotionally, they were not available to him as a child and as of today nothing has change with either parent.

Dioivanni mother was less than 18 years old when he was born, and her adolescent years were full of turmoil.

Dioivanni's mother has a history of psychiatric hospitalizations. The last hospital admission was less than six years ago.

Dioivanni is athletic inclined. He played Pop Warner football for several years

The team won the New England title and went to the national playoff in Florida.

Dioivanni presented his first major problem at age 16.

Prior to the above problem, The Department of Social Service was involved with the parents because a 51 A report was filed for abuse and daycare and parenting

service was provided but there were poor compliance and eventually the case was closed.

His mother is not currently permitted to visit him at the Plymouth Correctional Facility.

Dioivanni speaks of wanting a better relationship with his children than the one he had with his parents.

The negative relationship with his parents is troubling and I believe he needs counseling if possible.

Dioivanni has shown a strong interest and desire to be a caring and involved parent to his children.

Dioivanni is interested and concerned about the welfare of his children, their upbringing, education, and stability.

Dioivanni speaks to his children daily or he would ask me or their mother about them including school performance and home work.

Performance and home work. He will ask about the youngest sleeping pattern and growth activities.

The mother and children are residing with me because the apartment they were residing in is no longer affordable.

The father's absence has had a negative impact on the oldest child's and school performance and he is in counseling.

Your Honor, I am asking that you please impose a lenient sentence on Dioivanni.

My grandson has suffered emotional abuse since birth at the hands of parents who were incapable and unprepared to care for him properly. He has struggled to overcome that upbringing. While he has gotten into legal trouble a number of times over the years. I believe he has matured since his most recent incarceration in this case and is finally ready to change for the better.

I am asking you to please allow him to return to society and to his children. He needs to get into a skill based program so that he can develop some life skills to financially support himself and children. We

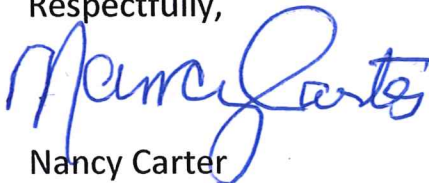
Know from statistics about the crushing impact that long term incarceration has on Black American men and their children.

Dioivanni has an interest in becoming an electrician and plans to enroll in Martin Electrical School in Norwood Ma once he completes his sentence.

My grandson needs to be home so that he can provide guidance to his children as they grow.

Finally, I am asking if possible Dioivanni to be place in a facility close to Massachusetts so that visitation with his children can continue. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nancy Carter", is written over the printed name.

Nancy Carter